
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1861.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appro-
4 priated, for the service of the Post Office Department for
5 the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred
6 and sixty-two, out of any moneys in the Treasury arising
7 from the revenues of the said department, in conformity
8 to the act of the second of July, eighteen hundred and
9 thirty-six :

10 For transportation of the mails, (inland,) ten million forty
11 thousand two hundred and eighty-four dollars: *Provided,*
12 This appropriation is hereby made on the condition that
13 the Postmaster General re-examine the causes for discon-

14 tinuance or curtailment of the postal service on inland
15 routes since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and
16 fifty-nine, and to restore all such parts of the said service
17 as can be restored with due regard to the public interest
18 and the circumstances of each case; whether such discontinu-
19 ance or curtailment was upon contracts yet in force, or have
20 taken effect upon the making of new contracts; that the
21 restoration or increase of service hereby contemplated shall,
22 with the consent of the contractor in each, or in pursuance
23 of his contract.

24 For compensation to postmasters, two millions seven
25 hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no compensa-
26 tion shall be paid to postmasters after the thirtieth of June,
27 eighteen hundred and sixty-one, for the delivery of free
28 letters or papers to their recipients.

29 For clerks in the offices of postmasters, one million
30 forty-five thousand five hundred and seventeen dollars and
31 twenty-three cents.

32 For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty thousand
33 dollars.

34 For office furniture for post offices, four thousand dol-
35 lars.

36 For advertising, seventy thousand dollars.

37 For mail bags, fifty-five thousand dollars.

38 For paper for blanks, sixty thousand dollars.

- 39 For printing blanks, twelve thousand dollars.
- 40 For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.
- 41 For mail locks, keys, and stamps, twenty thousand
- 42 dollars.
- 43 For mail depredations and special agents, seventy-five
- 44 thousand dollars.
- 45 For miscellaneous payments, one hundred and sixty
- 46 thousand dollars.
- 47 For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, one hun-
- 48 dred and ten thousand dollars.
- 49 For payments of balances due to foreign countries, three
- 50 hundred thousand dollars.
- 51 For payments to letter-carriers, two hundred and ten
- 52 thousand dollars.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the third section

2 of the act making provision for the postal service in Cali-

3 fornia, Oregon, and Washington, approved July twenty-

4 seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be, and the same is

5 hereby, repealed; and that all dead letters which may

6 accumulate in the post offices in said States and Territory

7 after thirtieth June next, shall be returned to the General

8 Post Office Department, at Washington, under such regula-

9 tions as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if the revenues

2 of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet

3 the appropriations of this act, then the sum of five million
4 three hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and
5 fifty dollars and sixty-three cents, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated,
7 to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
8 appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the
9 Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of
10 June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions
2 of the third section of an act entitled "An act amendatory
3 of an act regulating the Post Office Department," approved
4 March 2, 1827, be and the same are hereby applied to all
5 post routes which have been or may hereafter be estab-
6 lished in any town or city by the Postmaster General, by
7 virtue of the tenth section of an act entitled "An act to
8 reduce and modify the rates of postage in the United States,
9 and for other purposes," approved February 27, 1851.

Passed the House of Representatives February 15, 1861.

Attest:

J. W. FORNEY, *Clerk*.